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		Application Number	09/545,199
		Filing Date	April 6, 2000
		First Named Inventor	David E. Lowery
		Group Art Unit	1645
		Examiner Name	V. Portner
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# FEE TRANSMITTAL for FY 2003

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Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27

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**FEE CALCULATION (continued)**
**3. ADDITIONAL FEES**

Large Entity	Small Entity	Fee Description	Fee Paid
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1804	920*	1804	920*
1805	1,840*	1805	1,840*
1251	110	2251	55
1252	410	2252	205
1253	930	2253	465
1254	1,450	2254	725
1255	1,970	2255	985
1401	320	2401	160
1402	320	2402	160
1403	280	2403	140
1451	1,510	1451	1,510
1452	110	2452	55
1453	1,300	2453	650
1501	1,300	2501	650
1502	470	2502	235
1503	630	2503	315
1460	130	1460	130
1807	50	1807	50
1806	180	1806	180
8021	40	8021	40
1809	750	2809	375
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1802	900	1802	900
Other fee (specify)			
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**FEE CALCULATION**
**1. BASIC FILING FEE**
**Large Entity   Small Entity**

Fee Code	Fee (\$)	Fee Code	Fee (\$)	Fee Description	Fee Paid
1001	750	2001	375	Utility filing fee	
1002	330	2002	165	Design filing fee	
1003	520	2003	260	Plant filing fee	
1004	750	2004	375	Reissue filing fee	
1005	160	2005	80	Provisional filing fee	
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**2. EXTRA CLAIM FEES FOR UTILITY AND REISSUE**

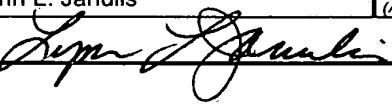
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**Large Entity   Small Entity**

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1202	18	2202	9	Claims in excess of 20
1201	84	2201	42	Independent claims in excess of 3
1203	280	2203	140	Multiple dependent claim, if not paid
1204	84	2204	42	** Reissue independent claims over original patent
1205	18	2205	9	** Reissue claims in excess of 20 and over original patent
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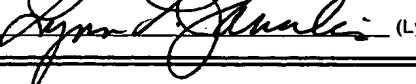
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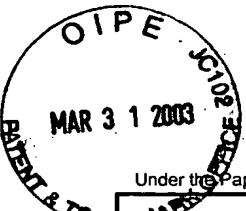
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**REQUEST  
FOR  
CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)  
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This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 CFR 1.114 of the above-identified application.

Request for Continued Examination (RCE) practice under 37 CFR 1.114 does not apply to any utility or plant application filed prior to June 8, 1995, or to any design application. See Instruction Sheet for RCEs (not to be submitted to the USPTO) on page 2.

**1. Submission required under 37 CFR 1.114**

- a.  Previously submitted
  - i.  Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 CFR 1.116 previously filed on \_\_\_\_\_ (Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered).
  - ii.  Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on \_\_\_\_\_
  - iii.  Other \_\_\_\_\_
- b.  Enclosed
  - i.  Amendment/Reply
  - ii.  Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)
  - iii.  Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)
  - iv.  Other \_\_\_\_\_

**2. Miscellaneous**

- a.  Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 CFR 1.103(c) for a period of \_\_\_\_\_ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 CFR 1.17(i) required)
- b.  Other \_\_\_\_\_

**3. Fees** The RCE fee under 37 CFR 1.17 (e) is required by 37 CFR 1.114 when the RCE is filed.

- a.  The Director is hereby authorized to charge the following fees, or credit any overpayments, to Deposit Account No. \_\_\_\_\_
  - i.  RCE fee required under 37 CFR 1.17(e)
  - ii.  Extension of time fee (37 CFR 1.136 and 1.17)
  - iii.  Other \_\_\_\_\_
- b.  Check in the amount of \$ 1,680.00 enclosed
- c.  Payment by credit card (Form PTO-2038 enclosed)

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